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FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, the art identified on the attached form PTO-1449 and other matters discussed below may be helpful to the Patent Office in its examination of the application identified above.

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Enclosed is a copy of each of the prior application prior art citation listings as initialed or issued by the Examiner in the prior application.

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COMMENTS ON CITATIONS

The following comments are directed to the documents disclosed in the accompanying form PTO/SB/08A. Non-English language documents without translation are discussed with a concise explanation pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(i).

JP 7-61456 appears to disclose a number of embodiments of a flexible, resilient member which is disposed adjacent a hinge between a dispensing closure body and lid. The member does not appear to be attached by molding to the body and lid at transverse ends.

JP 9066954 appears to disclose an elastomeric member which is disposed adjacent a hinge between a dispensing closure body and lid. The member does not appear to be attached by molding to the body and lid at transverse ends.

The order of listing of the art on the attached Form PTO-1449 should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the listed art.

The Patent and Trademark Office Examiner is requested to review the art and determine the extent of the materiality of the disclosures thereof with respect to the patentability of the subject invention. It is expected that the Patent and Trademark Office Examiner will independently conduct a complete search for relevant prior art.

No inference should be drawn and no representation is made or intended: (a) that a search has been made, or if made, was complete; (b) that the art on the attached list presents a comprehensive investigation of the prior art; or (c) that no more pertinent art than that listed is in existence. [See 37 C.F.R. §1.97(g)]

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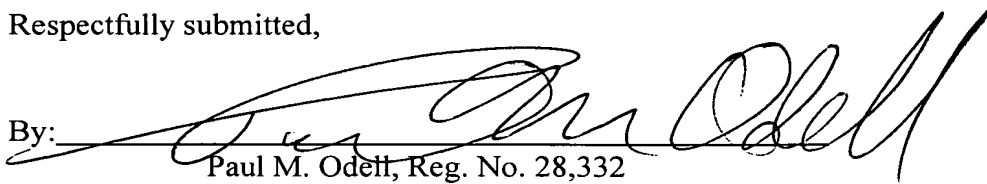
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Also, there is reserved the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosures of any document or other art, including the disclosures of the art cited herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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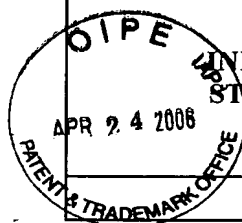
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